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1. A barbed wire entanglement, 50 meters long, has been put up on the highway from Reinthal ( $48^{\circ}42'N$ ,  $16^{\circ}50'E$ ) towards Breclav, Czechoslovakia, about 1500 meters northeast of the Reinthal customs house. The entanglement begins on the right edge of the road ditch on highway No. 47, and runs across the road toward the northwest. A 10-meter strip of woods on the left has been cleared adjacent to the wire. The entanglement is 1.2 meters high and 3 meters wide at the bottom. Behind the entanglement is a sand strip about 1.2 meters wide.
2. A single layer barbed wire entanglement, 2 meters high and about 25 meters long, has been put up between Luden ( $48^{\circ}54'N$ ,  $15^{\circ}35'E$ ) and Vratenin ( $48^{\circ}54'N$ ,  $15^{\circ}36'E$ ), Czechoslovakia.
3. Late in August 1952 Czech border units began stringing up a barbed wire barrier, 1.5 meters high, about 700 meters southwest of Jecmenice ( $48^{\circ}45'N$ ,  $16^{\circ}07'E$ ), near border marker 53/VIII. It runs eastward from that point and lies inside the 7-meter border strip. On the western end of the unfinished barrier, on Czech territory, there is an acacia wood stretching for about 300 meters along the border.
4. Late in August 1952 a single layer barbed wire entanglement,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  meters high and about 8 meters long, was put up diagonally across the Znaimerstrasse, which runs from Unter-Markersdorf ( $48^{\circ}43'N$ ,  $16^{\circ}06'E$ ) to the highway leading north to Dyjakovicky. The barrier lies inside the 7-meter strip parallel to the border. About 10 meters behind the barrier there is a road block 2 meters high and about 8 meters wide which was put up in 1947.
5. A barbed wire entanglement, 2 meters high and 300-400 meters long, was put up along the Austro-Czech border, running at distances of 10-60 meters from the border in the area of the Rothmuehle ( $48^{\circ}57'N$ ,  $15^{\circ}28'E$ ) and the Thaya River. Work was in progress from 28 August until 1 September 1952.
6. A strip of ground,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  meters long and 10 meters wide, has been plowed up along the March (Morava) River near Marchegg ( $48^{\circ}17'N$ ,  $16^{\circ}55'E$ ). It runs from the Thebensee ( $48^{\circ}16'N$ ,  $16^{\circ}58'E$ ) railroad station, about 300 meters from the river, southward to the Marchegg-Devinska Nova Ves ( $48^{\circ}13'N$ ,  $16^{\circ}59'E$ ).

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railroad line. The bunkers along the March River across from Marchegg which extend to the railroad line have been camouflaged with sod by Czech soldiers. Approximately 11 bunkers have been seen here. A strip of woods 1 kilometer long and 20 meters wide which runs southward along the railroad line from W.H. Thebensee (48°16'N, 16°58'E) has been cleared.

7. On 19 August the Czechs began construction of a surveying tower in Medenice (48°56'N, 14°58'E) in the Stankauer Forest, about 700 meters southwest of the Austrian Langauer Forest (48°57'N, 15°00'E) border area. The tower is about 45 meters high and rises 15 meters above the woods. It was formerly located at the intersection of two roads, but was moved on 27 August, just before completion, and relocated a few meters north of the intersection.
8. On 22 and 23 August 1952 Czech soldiers put up a barbed wire entanglement, about 1.5 meters high and 20 meters long, on the Felling (48°52'N, 15°48'E)-Podmyce (48°53'N, 15°46'E) highway. The entanglement, which is strung up on 4 wooden posts, runs along the border 20 meters behind the old road block which is situated about 30 meters from border marker VIII/6, crossing the Podmyce highway. On 3 September the entanglement was lengthened by 6 meters on each end. Five Czech soldiers have begun surveying from the Breitau ranger's house (48°53'N, 15°48'E) to a point about 700 meters north of the northeast edge of the woods at elevation 453. They have also begun driving wooden pegs into the ground at intervals of about 50 meters. This work is being done at distances ranging from 100 to 500 meters from the border.

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